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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Josephine A. Cannon
Executive Director
Children's Bureau of South Carolina
Landmark East Building
Suite 400
3700 Forest Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29204

Dear Mrs. Cannon:

You have inquired as to whether an account established in the name of the Children's Bureau as 'Donations' may be used for the payment of compensation and/or expenses of an individual to be employed as an informational representative to help prepare, collect and distribute information concerning the Children's Bureau, its needs and services.

Section 43-11-50, Code of Laws, 1976, authorizes the Bureau to 'accept and hold gifts, donations or contributions,—receive devises and bequests,—and such acquisitions shall be used for the purposes specified by the donors.'

Pursuant to this statute, you may utilize the monies for purposes which, in your discretion, are in accordance with the broad objectives of the Children's Bureau. Where specified purposes for which the donation is given are set forth by the donor, those purposes must be complied with, and the use of the funds made accordingly. It is my understanding that this procedure has been followed in the past. The remaining donations, given for unspecified purposes, are vested in your discretion as to the manner of expenditure, and a determination by you that the purposes for which you have asked would be appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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